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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Group Art Unit: 1771

BAHAR et al.

Examiner: B. Copenheaver

Serial No.: 09/209,932

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For: ULTRA-THIN INTEGRAL COMPOSITE MEMBRANE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER RULE 48 AND/OR RULE 312

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of this application and today also pay the issue fee and file formal drawings.

The applicants have previously and today alerted the Examiner by telephone, and now confirm in writing, that they are currently preparing documentation pursuant to Rule 48(a) to add Robert S. Mallouk to the inventive entity. The applicants believe that this Mallouk addition does not affect the merits of the allowance and issuance of this application and does not reflect deceptive intention. The applicants have discussed this point with the Examiner, and the Examiner has agreed.

Depending on the date of patent issuance, the applicants will have the correction to the

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inventive entity made preferably under Rule 48(a) and/or Rule 312, or alternatively, under Rule 324 if the patent should issue before correction can be carried out under the PTO's recently revised procedures.

If the Examiner believes that a continuation application should be filed to correct the inventive entity, he should contact the undersigned as soon as possible. The applicants appreciate the Examiner's cooperation in this matter, advice to applicants, and willingness to facilitate processing of the inventorship correction after issue fee payment.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for the consideration of this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. 0769-4582US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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